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Hafa Adai!

Each year students from around the United States take part in the Congressional Art Competition and vie to have their artwork displayed here at the U.S. Capitol. This year—for the first time—students from the Northern Mariana Islands will have this same opportunity.

Enclosed with this letter is all the information you will need to help your students submit their art for this wonderful event. I would suggest that you make these guidelines available to your school's art classes and to all students who might be interested.

Because this is the first time that the Northern Mariana Islands is participating in the Congressional Art Competition I have chosen "Traditions of the Marianas" as the theme the art must convey. In this way the winning entry will not only showcase the talent of one individual student, but will also educate everyone who sees it here at the Capitol about our wonderful islands and people.

Entries will be judged by a panel from the Northern Marianas.

The deadline for entries is Friday, April 24, 2009. Artwork should be delivered to the Congressional Office on Saipan, located at 1345 Ascension Ct., Capitol Hill and open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entries may also be mailed to P.O Box 504879, Saipan MP 96950.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Tenorio at michelle.tenorio@mail.house.gov or Paul Reyes at paul.reyes@mail.house.gov or call us at (202)225-2646 or the district office on Saipan at (670)323-2647/8.

Sincerely,

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